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North Riding of Yorkshire.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st December 1944.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1944.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

(1) One Medical Officer of Health (part time).
(2) One Sanitary Inspector (part time).
(3) One Additional Sanitary Inspector (part time).
(4) One Waterworks Manager (whole time).

STATISTICS.

Area	43302 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1944)	6494.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1944) according to Rate Books	1948.
Rateable Value of the Area	£36488.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£153.5.9¾

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Total.	M.	F.	
LIVE BIRTHS:				Birth Rate: 19.86
Legitimate.	121	69	52	
Illegitimate.	8	5	3	
STILLBIRTHS:	7	6	1	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births: 51.4
DEATHS:	67	32	35	Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 10.31

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES: None.

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:

All infants per 1000 live births	15.5
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	8.2
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	12.5

DEATHS from	CANCER (all ages)	13
" "	MEASLES (all ages)	-
" "	WHOOPING COUGH (all ages)	-
" "	DIARRHOEA (Under 2 years of age).	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

There have been no changes or developments in the undermentioned services during the year:

(a) Laboratory facilities.
(b) Ambulance services.
(c) Clinics and treatment Centres.
(d) Nursing in the Home.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

In January 1944 a Chlorination Plant was installed at Bellerby to treat all water supplied to cinsumers.

In May two 6" meters were installed on the trunk mains, one at Bellerby and the other at Stubbing Nook, the purpose of these meters being to check the consumption of the Leyburn and Bedale Councils respectively.

The several samples of water taken from the mains during the year for analysis proved to be very satisfactory.

During the year 81 connections were made with the mains for supplying private houses and farm houses.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

No new sewers were laid and no extensions were made during the year.

SCAVENGING.

There has been no change in the arrangements made for scavenging in the area.

HOUSING.

No new houses have been built during the year and owing to the shortage of materials and labour it is becoming increasingly difficult to carry out repairs to existing houses.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MEAT continues to be supplied from the abattoir at Northallerton where it is inspected before distribution.

MILK. Routine inspections of milk producing farms have been made by your Sanitary Inspectors and assistance has been rendered by the Clean Milk Instructresses from the War Agricultural Committee.

SCHOOL CANTEENS. During the year plans were approved for constructing Canteens at the following Village Schools:

Thornton Watlass, Kirklington, Leeming, Bedale, Burneston, Hackforth and Snape.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1944.

Disease.	Total Cases.
Scarlet Fever.	19
Whooping Couch.	14
Diphtheria.	--
Measles.	45
Pneumonia.	1

TUBERCULOSIS. New Cases and Mortality during 1944.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	1	-	1	1	-	-

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALAN W. HANSELL.

Medical Officer of Health.